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Dear RegNeg Committee Members:

NPS has worked with the management of Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge (PINWR) to identify documents related to the closure of the Refuge to off-road (ORV) use. We have locally located the relevant decision documents, which are attached below. At this point, I would say this is it for the FWS documentation that NPS has been able to come up with on the issue and we do not plan to pursue it further. We also located an undated draft letter, presumably drafted 1985 or later, that summarized the situation as follows:

"The beaches of Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge were closed to ORV traffic in December 1977. A severe northeaster in November of 1977 caused the already eroding beaches to almost disappear. The closure was made for public safety in a hazardous area. Because the condition of the beaches did not appreciably improve in the next several years, the beaches remained closed to ORV use. In the meantime, vast quantities of biological data were compiled by the USFWS indicating that there were negative impacts associated with ORV use on the refuge beach. A Refuge Master Plan was written and approved in 1981 prohibiting the use of ORV's. In 1985, the Regional Policy banned the use of ORV's on all refuges. In short, the refuge beach was closed to ORV's for public safety, but remains closed due to biological conflicts and Regional Policy."

The three documents are listed under one bullet in the ORV Mgmt Plan project:

- **2008 03Mar 19 - Pea Island NWR documents**

(http://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?
parkID=358&projectId=10641&documentID=23282)

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